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SUBJECT: PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF ASSIGNED EMBASSY STAFF MEMBER

REF: PFUND/MALMBORG LETTER OF DEC. 10, 1974

- 1. IN PARA 3 OF REF LETTER EMBASSY SUMMARIZED ACTION OF FRG FONOFF PROTOCOL SECTION IN REFUSING TO RENEW EXPIRED FRG IDENTITY CARD DOCUMENTING STAFF MEMBER ASSIGNED FROM WASHINGTON TO EMBASSY AS PERSON ENTITLED TO CERTAIN PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. REFUSAL WAS BASED ON CLAIM THAT HER INTERVENING MARRIAGE TO GERMAN NATIONAL EVINCED HER INTENT TO BECOME PERMANENT RESIDENT OF FRG WHO, UNDER ARTICLE 38(2) OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, IS ENTITLED ONLY TO PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES THAT FRG WISHES TO GRANT HER. ISSUANCE OF YELLOW FRG IDENTITY DOCUMENT IN LIEU OF BLUE DOCUMENT WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF DEPRIVING HER, INTER ALIA, OF CUSTOMS, I.E. EMBASSY PX AND COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES, LEAVING HER ONLY WITH EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION OF HER EMBASSY INCOME AND FROM NEED TO REGISTER WITH ALIEN REGISTRATION AUTHORITIES RATHER THAN FONOFF.
- 2. IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE CASE, EMBASSY HAS INFORMED FONOFF THAT IT WAS SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON. IN MEANTIME, A FURTHER SUCH CASE HAS ARISEN. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 3. EMBASSY NEEDS TO BE INFORMED OF DEPARTMENT POSITION AND ANY ARGUMENTS IT SHOULD MAKE IN FAVOR OF RE-ISSUANCE OF BLUE CARDS TO THESE EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS, BASED ON US INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 38(2) OF VIENNA CONVENTION, IN LIGHT OF INTENT OF PARTIES IN USING TERM "PERMANENTLY RESIDENT IN THE RECEIVING STATE". CAN WE ACCEPT THAT MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF OF A MISSION ASSIGNED FROM OUTSIDE THE RECEIVING STATE ARE TREATED BY REASON ONLY OF MARRIAGE TO A NATIONAL OF THE LATTER AS PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF THE RECEIVING STATE ENJOYING ONLY SUCH PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AS THE RECEIVING STATE CHOOSES TO ACCORD?
- 4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. HILLENBRAND

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